Our Author had several sons, who probably died young% but he left one daughter, Damans, who was second wife to Sir Francis Masham, of Gates, in the county of Essex, Bart[a] by whom she had a son, the late Francis Cudworth 'Ma-sham, Esq? one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery, and accountant-general of the said Court; and foreign apposer in the Court of Exchequer. This lady had a great friendship with Mr. Locke, who died at her house at Gates, where he had resided for several years before. She was distinguished for her uncommon genius and learning; and in the year 1696 published at London, in I2mo. without her name, A Discourse concerning the Love of God.[0] She introduces this tract with observing, that " whatever reproaches haVe been made by the Romanists, on the one hand, of the want of books of devotion in the church of England, or by the dissenters, on the other, of a dead and lifeless way of preaching, it may be affirmed, that there cannot any where be found so good a collection of discourses on moral subjects, as might be made of English sermons, and other treatises *of* that nature, written by the divines of our church : which books are certainly in themselves of the greatest, and most general use of any; and do most conduce to that, which is thechief aim of Christianity—a good life." She then animadverts upon those who undervalue morality/ and others, w-ho strain the duties of it to an impracticable pitch, and pretend to ascend by

* He died at his scat at Gates, on Sunday, the 3d of March, 170-2-3,.
in the 77th year of his age.
[b] He died May 17, 1731.
f It contains 126 pages, besides the preface. [d]P,2,3.